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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 910



Introduced by Hon. Christopher P. de Venecia

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING TONY-AWARD WINNING FILIPINO BROADWAY PRODUCER JHETT TOLENTINO FOR WINNING BEST MUSICAL THEATER ALBUM IN THE 59th GRAMMY AWARDS CEREMONY

WHEREAS, Iloilo-born producer Jhett Tolentino won the award for Best Musical Theater Album for “The Color Purple” at the Grammy Awards held on 12 February 2017 in Los Angeles, California;

WHEREAS, Tolentino shares the award with his co-producers Van Dean, Stephen Bray, Roy Furman, Scott Sanders, and Frank Filipetti, composers Branda Russel and Allee Willis, and album soloists Jennifer Hudson, Cynthia Arivo, and Danielle Brooks;

WHEREAS, Tolentino has previously won three (3) Tony Awards as co-producer of “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike” for Best Play in 2013, “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder” for Best Musical and “A Raisin in the Sun” for Best Revival of a Play in 2014;

WHEREAS, Tolentino’s life story is an archetypal example of perseverance and success -- Tolentino grew up in the slums of Calumpang, Molo in Iloilo City and rose to become the 3rd Filipino to win in the Tony Awards;

WHEREAS, Tolentino also received The Outstanding Young Men and Women’s award for theater arts on 12 December 2016, a national recognition to young active Filipinos who, by sheer dedication to their profession or vocation, have given significant contributions to their community and to the country;

WHEREAS, Tolentino has recently moved back to the Philippines and has set up his own theater production company as a way to give back to his home country, bringing with him his wealth of knowledge and experience to ultimately raise the standards for local productions to international standards and enhance Filipino artists;


WHEREAS, this recognition has increased the world’s awareness of the excellence of Filipino individuals in the field of the arts and is a testament to the world-class potential of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and acknowledge award-winning Filipino individuals who serve as an inspiration to fellow countrymen to prosper in the face of poverty and adversity;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to congratulate and commend Filipino producer Jhett Tolentino for winning Best Musical Theater Award for "The Color Purple" in the 59th Grammy Awards Ceremony held on 12 February 2017 at the Staples Center, Los Angeles, California, contributing to international recognition of Filipino talent and inspiring Filipinos to achieve greater heights;

RESOLVED FURTHER, for and in consideration of the foregoing factual milieu, the members of the House of Representatives hereby resolve to confer the Congressional Medal of Achievement to Mr. Jhett Tolentino for his outstanding achievement and contribution to Philippine Theater.

ADOPTED,


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